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TO-DAY IN HISTORY.

Suez Canal Opened—November 17.

To-day is the anniversary of the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869. In those days this canal was considered a wonderful undertaking, and it cost an enormous amount of money to complete, but much of the \$100,000,000 was spent in bribes and excessive discounts. It also cost the lives of thousands of human beings in its digging. The Egyptian peasant, or fellah, were obliged by the Khedive, to do the work without remuneration. Every three months 25,000 men were drafted into the canal service. None of the modern improvements for the removal of bodies of dirt were known in 1869, and the few that could have been used to advantage were not so used, and instead of the high power shovels now used at Panama, the poor Egyptians were compelled to dig with their bare hands and carry the dirt in palm-leaf baskets to the dumping ground.

The great festival that was held to-day forty-one years ago in Cairo and along the canal was the high tide of extravagant splendor of the reign of Ismail. The celebration of the event cost just one-fourth of the amount of money required in the building of the canal.

Although the waters of the Mediterranean and Red seas had met in the Suez Canal several months previous, on November 17 forty-eight ships conveyed the Khedive and his distinguished guests through the canal.

The Empress of the French, the unfortunate Eugenie, as the representative of Napoleon III, and sponsor for the pious de Lesseps, was the chief guest. The Emperor and Empress of Austria, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and a score of lesser royalties from continental Europe, with their complement of ambassadors, statesmen, and celebrities, made up the party.

Cairo was all but rebuilt in the preparation for the celebrations. The marvels of the old myths of Haroud-al-Raschid and Akbar were materialized. Nothing was too expensive for Ismail. He had been the guest of the Empress of the French at the opera in Paris. It occurred to him that he must return the courtesy. Music is a stranger within the gates of Islam, and there was no opera in Cairo. The splendid spendthrift ordered the erection of an opera house and decreed the engagement of the best company of singers to be found in Europe. He employed the great composer, Verdi, to write an opera especially for the occasion, using an Egyptian theme. The result was the first production of "Aida," the most magnificent night of opera in the annals of music.

Cairo was turned into a fairyland and money seemed to grow on the trees. The guests of the celebration were entertained in palaces built for their use, and they were given everything the imagination of an Oriental prince with a Parisian training could suggest. And all this was to celebrate the opening of a canal which was constructed by scooping up sand with human hands.

The Suez Canal was not new in history. Thirty-five centuries before Seti I, father of Rameses II, had cut a canal through the Isthmus of Suez, connecting the Mediterranean and the Red seas. But the nation decayed and the desert sands filled up the canal. Eight centuries later the Egyptian Necho attempted to restore the

WOMAN A DRIVER IN AUTO KILLS TWO

Gloom Cast Over Aviation and Race Meet at Raleigh.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 16.—The undertaker's wagon and hospital ambulance played the most conspicuous part at the big aviation meet at the State fair grounds at Raleigh this afternoon, when McCurdy and Ely, of the Curtiss bi-plane machines, made exhibition flights, which are to be continued to-morrow by a race between those two bird-men.

One of the attractions to-day was automobile racing. After these were over the wife of the manager of a garage here, Mrs. Woolcott, began driving an auto around the course with reckless speed.

At the quarter-mile turn, after several laps around the track, her machine skidded and broke through the railing, dashing into the thousands of spectators lining the track course. Two negro women were killed by the machine. Mrs. A. H. Mooneyhan, wife of a prominent dry goods merchant of this city, had her back broken and is dying at hospital to-night, and three other persons were dangerously, if not fatally, injured.

Mrs. Woolcott and her husband, who was in the machine with her, were not very badly injured.

The affair cast gloom over the assemblage, and part of the aviation performances were omitted because of approaching night.

PLEASING TO BANKS.

Secretary MacVeagh to Urge Currency Reform Measures.

Some reform measures that will affect the currency in a manner that will be pleasing to bankers are being planned by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh for exhibition in his annual report to the President. The Secretary intends to recommend the removal of restrictions on the issuance of currency of all kinds.

If these recommendations are carried out, it is possible that within a short time the country will see \$5.00 certificates, or perhaps even \$2 gold certificates, and will have plenty of the \$1 greenbacks such as the department is now putting out.

Mr. MacVeagh also intends to recommend that certified checks on national banks be accepted by collectors of customs and internal revenue. At present the law allows such officials to accept cash only. The government would require that it be protected from loss if certified checks were made legal tender for payments of this sort.

CONDUCTS CLAY'S FUNERAL.

Pastor Forced to Climb Over Burning Trestle to Reach City.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16.—His train stopped by a burning trestle, Rev. Dr. B. F. Frazer, presiding elder of the Augusta district of the Southern Methodist Church, after crawling over blazing timbers, mounted the firemen's seat in the cab of a locomotive on the Seaboard Air Line this morning and was rushed on to Marietta, in order that he might preach the funeral sermon of United States Senator A. S. Clay.

It was Senator Clay's wish that Dr. Frazer officiate, and the latter was summoned from Athens, where he was attending a conference.

Dr. Frazer left Athens for Marietta this morning, but the train stopped by a burning trestle. The railroad officials were made acquainted with Dr. Frazer's mission and the urgent necessity of his reaching Marietta before noon, and a special engine was ordered to the Marietta side of the trestle. Although the trestle was burning sharply, Dr. Frazer managed to cross the timbers without being burned. He climbed into the locomotive cab and was rushed to Marietta, reaching there just in time to officiate.

SOCIALISTS SHOW GAINS.

Pass the Prohibitionists in Indiana for the First Time.

Indianapolis, Nov. 16.—The complete official returns from the election of last week, as compiled by the State canvassing board, shows Indiana to have a new third party, the honor of which for years was held by the Prohibition party, having passed to the Socialist party.

The returns show Herman H. Jones, Socialist, for secretary of state, polled 19,622 votes, while George H. H. Jones, for the same office, polled only 17,024. The gain in the Socialist vote over 1908 is 7,944, while the Prohibitionists lost five votes.

Representative C. C. Carlin, of Alexandria, who was slated to make the principal address of the evening, was unavoidably absent.

TALKS ON FAR WEST.

Photographer E. B. Thompson Lectures at K. of P. Meeting.

An open meeting of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 5, Knights of Pythias, held last night at Pythian Temple, when E. B. Thompson, chief photographer of the United States Reclamation Service, gave a picture talk on the far West.

Past Chancellor Burton T. Doyle made a brief address.

Following the lecture, there was a short musical programme. W. G. Pierson gave an original march on the piano; solo, Ross Bright; solo, Miss Susie Dagard, accompanied by her sister, Miss Etta Dagard; song and dance, Miss Estelle Murray. At the close an informal reception was held.

The following served as the committee: B. T. Doyle, P. C.; W. S. Robbins, P. C.; L. H. Harris, V. C.; G. H. Mark, W. M. A.

STOLE POSTAL BLANKS

"Lieut. Knowlson's" Swindling Operations Traced by Sleuths.

Detectives have learned that "Lieut. Knowlson," a swindler, who passed a worthless check for \$250 and another bogus pass for \$500 about three weeks ago, stole blank post-office money orders Nos. 4157 to 4160, inclusive, from a branch post office in a Washington drug store on July 23 last. He has negotiated all of these money orders except five, and the money has been identified as Paul West, and has a family living in Brooklyn, Mass.

LOST SCIENTISTS FOOD OF CANNIBALS

Fate of Albatross Expedition at Last Revealed.

Victoria, British Columbia, Nov. 16.—A mystery of fourteen years concerning the fate of the Austrian scientific expedition from the ship Albatross is cleared up by the finding of the remains of the expedition in the Solomon Islands. News of the discovery by Dr. Northcott Leck, of the South Sea Evangelical Mission, reached here to-day by the a.s.s. ship Zealandia. The expedition from the Albatross was headed by Baron von Norbeck and included Lieut. Budick, Midshipman De Beaufort, and nine sailors.

Dr. Deek found evidences of a massacre on the Tatu Island and from the natives learned the details. The Austrians were murdered by the natives, and Baron von Norbeck was tomahawked. The sailors fought off the blacks and made camp where the baron died. During the night the camp was again attacked and three men escaped. They made their way to the coast without learning the fate of their fellows, who fell into captivity.

Remnants of the remains cast aside after the cannibal feast leads Dr. Deek to believe the natives had learned the inhuman practice of the savages.

K. OF L. AGGRESSIVE.

Compulsory Investigation of Labor Disputes Advocated.

Compulsory investigation of all labor disputes and the drafting of bills in the several States for this purpose was one of the measures advocated at the annual session of the Knights of Labor of America yesterday afternoon. General Master Workman P. J. McCarthy, of Boston, presided at the convention, which is holding its sessions at 608 C street north-west.

The compulsory investigation bills to be drafted by the Knights of Labor will be modeled after the Canadian labor laws, and will make possible amicable settlements of nearly all labor strikes. The thirty-two delegates to the convention went on record as favoring pensions for government clerks; the placing of labels on prison-made goods; popular election of the Senate; woman suffrage; a graduated income tax, and the establishment of a parcels post.

It was voted at a meeting last night to admit membership women and children employed in manufacturing and mercantile establishments. Reports were submitted to the convention by Master Workman McCarthy, Secretary J. Frank Workman, and the several organization committees.

Officers will be elected at to-day's session. The convention will continue until to-morrow night or Saturday.

S. A. R. MAKES MERRY.

Held First Gathering of Season and Discuss Club Plans.

With festive cheers and clinking of glasses, the Song of the American Revolution, District of Columbia Society, held their first gathering of the season at the Arlington Hotel last evening.

A rosy prospect loomed before the society, that of owning its own clubhouse before another twelve months have passed. Funds for the purchase of a home are now being collected.

The business session was brief, and an enjoyable musical programme followed.

Frank B. Martin was chairman of the committee in charge. Robert Stearns gave some excellent violin solos. Maj. Pierre C. Stevens, basso, sang several songs. The pianist was David Kindlerberger.

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ARMY AND NAVY.

Army Orders.

First Lieut. FRANK P. LAHM, Seventh Cavalry, upon the completion of his duties at Madison Square Garden, New York City, will return to his post at Fort Ord, California.

Corp. SAMUEL J. D. MARSHALL, general service, infantry, recruiting station, 23 South State street, Chicago, Ill., at 12 o'clock to-day, will be ordered to duty at the station by the office in charge of that station by purchase under the provisions of general orders.

No. 13 War Department, January 1, 1909. Post Quartermaster Sergeant HENRY P. JOHNSON, now at the recruit depot, Fort McDowell, Cal., will be sent to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., to report upon arrival to the commanding officer for duty.

First Lieut. JOHN L. HOLCOMBE, Capt. Artillery, recruiting office, will proceed to Toledo, Ohio, and assume charge temporarily of the recruiting station at that place, relieving Capt. WILLIAM H. CLARKIN, U. S. Army, retired, recruiting office, Capt. HARRISON MAJ. WILLIAM F. HUXFORD, United States Army, retired.

First Lieut. WILLIAM A. AUSTIN, Fourth Cavalry, is detailed for general recruiting service. Leave of absence for one month, to take effect December 3, 1910, is granted Second Lieut. HARDING POLK, Eighth Cavalry.

Leave of absence for four months, to take effect on or about January 1, 1911, is granted Second Lieut. CHARLES C. BARKHEAD, Twenty-eighth Infantry.

Naval Orders.

Rear Admiral S. B. LUCE, retired, detached duty Naval War College, Newport, R. I.; to home.

Lieut. (junior grade) T. G. KELLYSON, detached duty commander first squadron submarine division, United States Atlantic torpedo fleet, and duty command, Torpedo, to duty Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, connection sitting out Seal, and to command when placed in commission.

Oil Stove Explodes.

An exploding oil stove on the third floor of 1218 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, occupied by Moses Dodge, caused \$500 damage last night about 11 o'clock. No. 18 Engine Company was sent to the fire and extinguished it before the flames gained much headway.

Two World Divorced Husbands.

Anna L. Lewis yesterday entered suit for an absolute divorce from James T. Lewis, alleging cruelty. Alleging that Samuel A. Bell treated her with great cruelty, Isabelle Freeman Bell yesterday entered suit for maintenance. They were married April 4, 1909, and have one child.

WILLIAM K. THORN DIES

Grandson of Cornelius Vanderbilt Found Dead in Bed.

New York, Nov. 16.—Word was received here to-day that William K. Thorn, grandson of the late Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, has been found dead in his bed at Pau, France, this morning. Only the day before he had attended a hunt, and seemed in excellent health.

He was fifty-nine years of age. William Knapp Thorn was the son of the late William K. Thorn, who married Emily, fourth of the eight daughters of Commodore Vanderbilt, in 1849. Mrs. Thorn inherited \$500,000 from her father. Her husband, who has been one of the commodore's legal advisers, died in 1887. She survived until 1896. Mrs. Thorn took a great deal of interest in philanthropic work, and was at one time a manager of the Women's Hospital. She left two children, the other being Mrs. C. Klased.

Several years after the death of his mother Mr. Thorn went to Europe to live, and for years had made his home at Pau. Being an enthusiastic hunter and automobilist, he took an active part in the sports for which Pau is famous. In his younger days he was rated as one of the best polo players in this country, and was one of the organizers of the Westchester Polo Club. In 1904 he came back to this country for a visit.

Mr. Thorn was one of the first men to go in for road racing with automobiles, and entered a car in the Southwestern road race from Pau, when some of his competitors were Henry Farman, who now makes aeroplanes, and Glardot and Renault.

Mr. Thorn was widely known in France and on the Continent as a sportsman, and when he came back here his friends at Newport urged him to remain and help organize new polo teams.

Mrs. Regina M. Caw.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 16.—Mrs. Regina M. Caw, sister of President Arthur, is dead at the home of her sister, Mrs. John McElroy, Albany. She was born at Dunham, Canada, on March 5, 1822, and after her marriage resided in Cohoes. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon.

Lieut. Col. Edmund Gustav Fechet.

New York, Nov. 16.—Lieut. Col. Edmund Gustav Fechet, U. S. A., retired, died to-day of heart disease in Champaign, Ill. He was born in Michigan in 1844, and joined the Seventh Michigan Infantry in 1861. He was shot through the lung at Antietam. As captain in command of a troop at Fort Yates in 1890-91, he was conspicuous in the Sioux campaign, and he was in charge of the troops which killed Sitting Bull. He was killed near Fort Yates, in 1890. He was retired on account of a disability in 1898, and became professor of military science at the University of Illinois.

Rev. Charles E. Stuart.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 16.—Rev. Charles E. Stuart, prominent in the Baptist ministry of Virginia and active in the Virginia Anti-Saloon League work, died suddenly while riding on a suburban car from Ashland at 12:33 this afternoon. Rev. Mr. Stuart was forty years of age.

Peter Barry.

Reading, Pa., Nov. 16.—Peter Barry, one of the oldest men in the State, died here to-day at the age of 102 years. He spent most of his active years on a farm. His recipe for a long life was: "Live by the Golden Rule, and be moderate in all things, including the use of tobacco and liquor."

Joel Francis Freeman.

New York, Nov. 16.—Joel Francis Freeman, formerly secretary of the Standard Oil Company, died to-night at his home in East Orange, aged seventy-four years. He was a native of Cleveland, Ohio, where he was a next-door neighbor of John D. Rockefeller. Through Mr. Rockefeller he became interested in Standard Oil in the early days of the company, and later became its secretary. He retired many years ago.

WILL DISCUSS CHARITIES.

Washingtonians to Attend Conference at Frederick, Md., To-day.

John Joy Edson will open the discussion at the Sixth Maryland State Conference of Charities and Corrections at Frederick this morning. A large delegation of Washingtonians will attend. At the afternoon session, Rev. Louis P. Zinkhan, superintendent of the Washington Asylum, will preside at an informal discussion of the social conditions and problems of the country.

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SAN FRANCISCO SHOWS INCREASE

Quake City Gains 21 Per Cent in Its Population.

The population of San Francisco, which was announced at the Census Bureau last night, was 416,912 in 1910, as compared with 342,782 in 1900. The increase during the decade from 1900 to 1910 was 74,130, or 21.6 per cent. The increase in the decade from 1890 to 1900 was 43,785, or 14.6 per cent. As a result of the enumeration, San Francisco retains its position as the largest city on the Pacific Coast.

The showing of San Francisco is remarkable when it is recalled that the city was practically wiped out by fire and earthquake only a few years ago.

While there was no padding in the population of San Francisco, 3,222 names were eliminated from the original figures. This was due, Director Durand said, to a misinterpretation of the instructions of the census enumerators. There was no evidence, however, of intentional fraud.

The instructions for the guidance of the enumerators were construed by the supervisor in San Francisco to permit the enumeration of several classes of persons who were absent from the city when the census was taken, such as seamen, fishermen, etc. In the opinion of the bureau three names should have been eliminated. The population of Alameda City, Cal., was 23,383 in 1910, as compared with 15,464 in 1900.

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